



AN ACT DEFINING VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; ADDING A VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS; REQUIRING ONE PHYSICIAN MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-1731, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Definition. "Volunteer emergency medical technician" means an individual who is licensed pursuant to this part and provides emergency medical care:

- (1) on the days and the times of the day chosen by the individual; and
- (2) for an emergency medical service other than:
 - (a) a private ambulance company, unless the care is provided without compensation and outside of the individual's regular work schedule; or
 - (b) a private business or a public agency, as defined in 7-1-4121, that employs the individual on a regular basis with a regular, hourly wage to provide emergency medical care as part of the individual's job duties.

Section 2. Section 2-15-1731, MCA, is amended to read:

- "2-15-1731. Board of medical examiners.** (1) There is a Montana state board of medical examiners.
- (2) The board consists of ~~44~~ 12 members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Appointments made when the legislature is not in session may be confirmed at the next session.
- (3) The members are:
- (a) five members having the degree of doctor of medicine, including one member with experience in emergency medicine;
 - (b) one member having the degree of doctor of osteopathy;
 - (c) one member who is a licensed podiatrist;
 - (d) one member who is a licensed nutritionist;

- (e) one member who is a licensed physician assistant;
 - (f) one member who is a volunteer emergency medical technician, as defined in [section 1]; and
 - ~~(f)~~(g) two members of the general public who are not medical practitioners.
- (4) (a) The members having the degree of doctor of medicine may not be from the same county.
- (b) The volunteer emergency medical technician must have a demonstrated interest in and knowledge of state and national issues involving emergency medical service.
- (c) Each member must be a citizen of the United States.
- (d) Each member, except for public members, must have been licensed and must have practiced medicine, emergency medical care, or dietetics-nutrition in this state for at least 5 years and must have been a resident of this state for at least 5 years.
- (5) Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms. A term ~~commences~~ begins on September 1 of each year of appointment. A member may be removed by the governor for neglect of duty, incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.
- (6) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 6, part 2, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 6, part 2, apply to [section 1].

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 0077, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

SENATE BILL NO. 77

INTRODUCED BY C. JUNEAU

BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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